



Year 2 Curriculum News

November 2016

English

This term we will be writing stories, letters, postcards and poetry. We will have a continued focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will use Talk for Writing and role play to develop speaking and listening skills. We are encouraging the children to re-read their work to check it makes sense and to edit and improve their own work. The writing skills we are using include; using openers (first, next etc), expanded noun phrases (lean, mean cat), using connectives (and, but, so, because) and a range of punctuation (CL. !? “ ”)

We will be practising our handwriting every day. Guided Reading will focus on developing comprehension skills.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on place value, addition, subtraction, length, weight and money. We will be learning how to add and subtract on a number line. The children will be developing their problem solving skills through word problems and puzzles. Please practise addition and subtraction facts and number bonds to 20 at home. This will be our focus in mental maths activities. You can also practise counting with money, weighing in g/ kg and measuring length using a ruler.

Theme

Our theme this term is 'Famous Faces.'

We will be finding out about and comparing the lives of Rosa Parks and Malala Yousafzai.

Our Science topic is 'Mini Worlds' and we will be using magnifying glasses and digital microscopes to explore and compare materials, foods and mini beasts. If you find any dead insects in your home please bring them in carefully in a small box! Please be careful— we do not want to harm any living creatures!

Music will have a focus on 'Ourselves.' We will be using our bodies and instruments to create a performance.

Art lessons will focus on painting. We will use the work of Wassily Kandinsky and Anthony Frost as inspiration.

Our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning theme is 'Family and Friends' and will link to Anti-Bullying week in November.

We will have a DT day later in the term and we will design, make and evaluate a clay character from The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

Phonics and Reading

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day and **read with your child every day at home**. During Phonics, the children are learning about spelling, grammar and punctuation. They have spellings in their book bags which are introduced during the phonics lesson, to reinforce a spelling rule. Spelling tests are on Fridays.

PE Kit

Your child must bring a PE kit to school. This can be kept in a bag on their peg. Please make sure items are all clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child must bring a change of clothes for PE. PE kit should contain a t-shirt, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is very important that your child is in school on time every day or they miss valuable learning. Lessons begin at 9am.

Please make sure you collect your child promptly at 3.20pm.

Trips and Visits

We will be visiting Railway Fields this half term to learn about how the seasonal changes affect the world around us. We will also be visiting the Transport Museum to take part in a giant poster activity.